

## Welcome to Worship!

Winchester Unitarian Society · Sunday, November 9, 2025

**November's Theme is "Nurturing Gratitude"**

**Livestream Attendees:** To notify our Tech Deck of a broadcast issue, email [checkingin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org) or call the WUS Office  
- 781.729.0949

### Centering Thought

"Unable are the Loved to die,  
For Love is Immortality." - Emily Dickinson

**You are invited to place photos and small mementos on the chancel table before worship begins or during the opening hymn.**

**Gathering Music**

John Kramer

**Invitation to Greeting**

Jean McClurken

*In person attendees: Note that the congregation will be briefly visible in the livestream. If you do not want to be seen, please sit in the back pews, marked accordingly. Livestreamers: Please let us know who you are and what's on your mind by sending an email to [checkingin@winchesteruu.org](mailto:checkingin@winchesteruu.org)*

**Ringing of the Bell** *We are called back to worship by the ringing of the bell from our Partner Church in Marosvásárhely, Transylvania*

**Community Welcome and Announcements**

Liz Lintz

*You may also review weekly announcements at [www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings](http://www.tinyurl.com/WUShappenings)*

**Invocation**

"United by Story" By Andrea Hawkins-Kamper

**Chalice Lighting**

"In Remembrance" by Liz Lintz

Lit by Calvin Levering

**\*Hymn #336**

*All My Memories of Love*

Gray Hymnal

**First Reflection**

“Invisible String”

Brenna Mayer

### **Blessing**

*As children and teachers leave for Religious Education, the community is invited to sing them on their way!*

May the light within you shine before you, everyday, everyday.

May the light within you shine before you, guide your way, guide your way.

May the love we share surround you and chase your fears away.

May the light within you shine before you, this we pray, this we pray.

### **Offering**

This week, Share the Plate, will be allocated to **Slingshot**, which works with residents who are fighting environmental threats in their neighborhoods. Founded in 1987, in response to the local toxic contamination issues in Woburn, Slingshot works hand-in-hand with residents who are fighting sites that are contaminating water supplies and polluting their soil and air. Slingshot has provided support, training, technical resources and networking to more than 400 neighborhoods to address PFAS contamination, stop the expansion of dangerous landfills or chemical facilities, and encourage a transition to a clean energy future.

Those in the sanctuary are also welcome to donate electronically. **Text GIVE to (781) 230-6690**, used the QR Code or visit [www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline](http://www.tinyurl.com/wusgiveonline) Please write or type the date of your offering in the memo line or comment field.



*\*Please rise in body or in spirit*

**Offertory***Pie Jesu, Gabriel Fauré*

Cailin Smith, solo

**Affirmation of Shared Ministry** *Those who wish to do so are invited to join in the unison Affirmation.*

We gather not for ourselves alone, but to use our common power to build the Beloved Community within and beyond these walls.

We create and reaffirm this covenant this day - to make justice flourish, to practice compassion amidst difference and to embody transformative love.

**Second Reflection***“Rituals of Remembrance”*

Jean McClurken

**Anthem***How Lovely is Thy Dwelling Place, Johannes Brahms*

WUS Adult Choir

**Meditation***“Immortality” by Leslie Takahashi***Hymn #101***Abide With Me*

Gray Hymnal

**Kindling of the Light***I Remember Clifford, Benny Golson*

*This is the time in our service where we light a candle for a joy or a sorrow that is sitting on our heart. For those in the Sanctuary, if you would like a candle brought to you, please raise your hand.*

**Silence****Sung Litany***You are Not Forgotten, John Becker*

Kirsten Hart and Brendan Buckley, Soloists

*The community is invited to offer the sung response, “You are Not Forgotten,” after each name is intoned.*

**Benediction****Postlude***Chaconne in e minor, Dietrich Buxtehude*

## Extinguishing the Chalice

*Please read together the words for extinguishing the chalice*

We extinguish this flame but not the light of truth, the warmth of community or the fire of commitment. These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.

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### Serving Today

Ushers: Fritzie Nace & Ramsey Railsback

Greeters: Laurie Russell & Mike Lambert

The Sunday Pastoral Care Associate is available to those wanting to share a personal concern with an attentive listener.

Today's PCA is Kim Foley 339-227-0216

Your PCA will be sitting at the pew closest to the candle table immediately after the service.

◆ John Kramer, *Music Director* ◆ Jean McClurken & Liz Lintz, *Worship Associates* ◆ Sam Wilson, *Director of Youth and Children's Ministries* ◆ Brenna Mayer, *Children's Religious Education Coordinator* ◆ Jason Tran, *Livestream Coordinator*

### **WUS Standing Committee (Governing Board) Members**

Gordy McIntosh (Chair), Kim Foley (Vice Chair), John Keller, Chuck Khuen, Ryan Levering, Sheila Puffer, Liz Scott, Marcy Tompson, Matt Wilson, Ginger Hanson (Clerk), and Judy Murray (Treasurer)  
Contact your Standing Committee via [SC@winchesteruu.org](mailto:SC@winchesteruu.org).

### **Music Notes:**

Humans have forever been creating music to remember our loved ones. The *Pie Jesu* is the central movement of the Fauré Requiem and the Anthem is the central movement of Brahms's German Requiem. The Kindling music remembers Clifford Brown, the acclaimed jazz trumpeter and composer who died tragically at the age of 25.